

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-8 (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) An antibiotic compound  $\beta$ -keto aliphatic acid ester isolated from *Bacillus sp.* IICT 001 and possessing the following spectral properties

UV max (MeOH) : 225

$^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\text{CDCl}_3$ (80  $\text{MHz}$ ): 0.88 t ( $\text{CH}_3$ ); 1.25 s, br ( $\text{CH}_2$ ) $_n$ ; 2.16s ( $\text{COCH}_2$ ); 3.68 s( $\text{COOCH}_3$ ) IR.  $\nu_{\text{max}}(\text{CHCl}_3)$ :  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  1730 (ester), 1670 (Carbonyl).

10. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a  $\beta$ -keto aliphatic acid ester isolated from *Bacillus sp.* IICT 001 and possessing the following spectral properties

UV max (MeOH) : 225

$^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\text{CDCl}_3$ (80  $\text{MHz}$ ): 0.88 t ( $\text{CH}_3$ ); 1.25 s, br ( $\text{CH}_2$ ) $_n$ ; 2.16s ( $\text{COCH}_2$ ); 3.68 s( $\text{COOCH}_3$ ) IR.  $\nu_{\text{max}}(\text{CHCl}_3)$ :  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  1730 (ester), 1670 (Carbonyl) in admixture with a therapeutically acceptable carrier.